

Council Chambers  
Monongahela, PA  
November 9, 2016

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday November 9, 2016 at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Public Forum:

Anthony Necciai, East Main Street, asked if the city had received the assault rifles and if there were first aid kits, fire extinguishers and defibrillators in the police cars and if the police officers were trained to use them. Police Chief said the rifles arrived today and the officers are trained to use the above. He also asked who said that the city is not responsible for Narcan. Mayor Kepics said he did as it is not mandatory for the police to use it. Mr. Necciai said that we have great officers in this town whose job is to protect and serve and should have Narcan in the cars.

Kathy Guffey, 408 Jackson Street, said that her nephew died from a drug overdose on September 4th and might have lived if Narcan was available. She also asked why the police were not using it and again the Mayor responded that it is not mandatory

Stacy Dury, Fifth Avenue, said that her son overdosed and if not for Narcan, he would have died. He is doing well now. Mayor Kepics said he polled the officers and 8 of 12 officers didn't want to carry the drug. He said he would look into the problem again.

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, said he was disgusted that the Mayor would violate the 16th amendment to the Constitution of the United States by denying someone their life by being judge, jury and executioner. He said he took a 20 minute course on the internet to learn how to use Narcan. Mayor Kepics said he would check with the other departments on using the drug.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, distributed his monthly calendars and thanked the street department, Rotary Club, Library, boy scouts, Ringgold Interact Club and Triple B Farm for help in putting up the pumpkins for the Halloween Parade.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Officer: Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Veliky, the Code Enforcement Officer Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Resolution 3-2016 - allocation of 2017 CDBG funds in the amount of \$284,300.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, Resolution 3-2016 be adopted, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

1st reading of Bill 4-2016 - setting tax assessment values for year 2017.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Mayor Kepics, that City Treasurer Gregory Garry be appointed as the city's delegate to the Washington County Tax Collection Committee, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of October 12, 2016. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Announced that services for Veterans Day would be held on November 9 at 9 A.M. at the triangle for dedicating the new flag poles followed by services at Chess Park at 10 A.M. with the parade in Donora at 3:00 on Saturday.

Mayor Kepics said that Councilman Kulak asked if he would request advertising for an RFP for engineering services. Councilman Caudill questioned if there would be any costs involved and was told it was just for prices.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, permission be granted to advertise for RFP bids for engineering services, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics also announced that Tom Ruschak's building has begun restoration with a grant through the Washington County Redevelopment Authority.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill announced that the city is still waiting to get the assessment figures from Washington County once the appeals are completed. At that time the budget will be presented at a later meeting.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky informed council there are four houses slated for demolition and the refuse contract for 2017 will be awarded to Big's.

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Mayor Kepics, that Big's be awarded the refuse contract for one year beginning January 2017, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Councilman Veliky informed council that our police dog, Beny, has had a medical problem and with the cost of his operation, the K-9 fund has been exhausted. He asked Solicitor Brad Bassi if the Rams Club could collect money and turn it over to the city. Mr. Bassi said that according to the by-laws of the Rams Club, all monies are for the Ringgold School District students. Mr. Veliky asked that any donations be directed to the city by check. Councilman Caudill said that the city will find the money to pay these bills.

Report of Parks & Property: None

Report of Solicitor Bassi: None



Report of Chief Tempest:

Chief Tempest reported that the city has had Beny for about eight years with no tax payer dollars used for his care. He said the new assault rifles arrived but the officers have sixteen hours of class work before they can be used.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, all properly and approved bills be paid, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics  
Tom Caudill  
Al Veliky  
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 4  
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics announced this meeting will be continued until November 29, 2016 at which time the 2017 Budget will be introduced.